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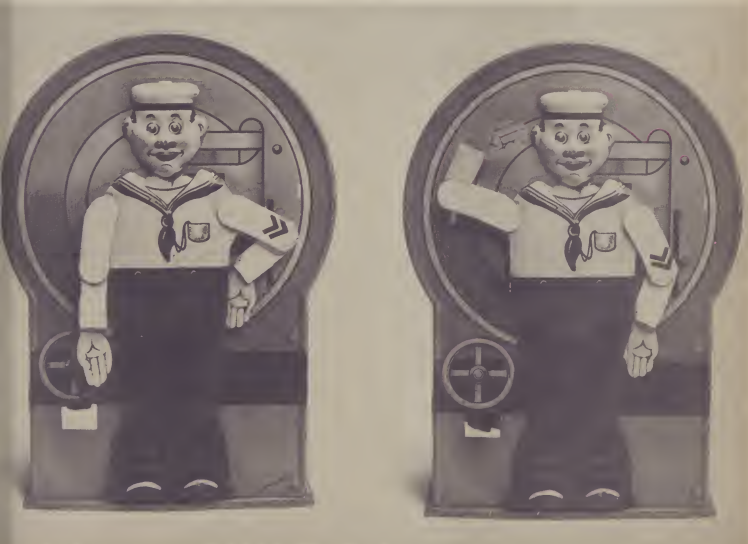
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# SALUTING SAILOR BANK

(TIN)

By F. H. GRIFFITH

(SEE COVER)



The cover of this issue features the Saluting Sailor Bank (tin) in two different motions.

The figure to the left is No. 1, and right No. 2.

Once again we take great pleasure in announcing a new find in a mechanical bank, and come to think of it this sure makes a great way to start our articles for 1974. Factually, however, the bank turned up as a new discovery in 1973. The bank is the Saluting Sailor, a very interesting and completely different action type of animated toy savings device. Of necessity, it is presently No. 231 in the numerical classification. While the action of saluting is quite unique, the bank does share a somewhat similar feature with at least one other mechanical. This is the way in which the coin slot is exposed or made useable. The other bank that shares this feature is the Sentry Bank. One could then go further with this coin slot feature and include such banks as the New Bank, U.S. Bank, and possibly several others.

We must once again give due credit to our good friends Nicole and Emmanuel Rodrigue of Paris, France. They were the first to turn up this heretofore unknown mechanical bank which is certainly quite an accomplishment. It couldn't happen to a nicer couple and how fortunate that it would be such an interesting mechanical.

The bank pictured was found by another party subsequent to the Rodrigue's discovery. It is now in the collection of Leon Perelman, and congratulations are in order for this fine addition to his museum. By the way, speaking of the Perelman Museum, for those who have not seen it the writer certainly recommends a visit to a most attractive and appropriate setting for an extensive collection of banks, toys, dolls, and other related items. The surroundings are ideally suitable to the contents of this most interesting museum. Put it on your list as a 'must' place to visit.

The Saluting Sailor shown is in practically mint original condition. It is of German manufacture and the patent designation DRGM is stamped in the underside of the base. While we as yet do not have the exact time period of the bank, there are possibilities it dates in the World War I period or thereabout. Colors are brilliant and attractive with the representation in back of the figure in red, yellow and two shades of grey.

There is a wide black stripe at the knees of the figure, and below this is a wider stripe in red. The figure of the sailor has blue trousers with white shirt and hat. Definitions of the tie, hat band and lanyard are black. The chevrons on his left sleeve are blue. Face and hands are sort of a flesh color. Nose, lips and cheeks have red tones and highlighting. The rectangular box coin section in back of the bank is in red, as is the base. All this adds up to a quite attractive colorful bank.

The action of the bank is really great and unique as compared to all the other mechanicals. Figure 1 shows the bank before or after the action. Figure 2 shows the bank after the lever is pressed and ready to receive a coin. As you will note his left arm and hand move down exposing the slot so that a coin may be inserted therein and, of course, he raises his right hand to the saluting position. Releasing the operating lever causes all parts to return automatically to position as shown in Figure 1. Coins are removed by means of a lock trap in the base.

In closing it bears mention that we are not certain as yet as to the representation in back of the figure. It is most likely some type of hatch on a ship or possibly a submarine. Future research may hopefully confirm this in a definitive area.

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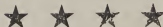
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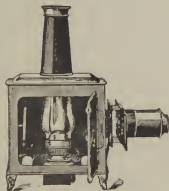
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To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.*

*He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake  
The only other sound's the sweep  
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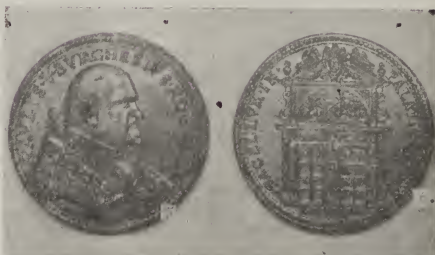
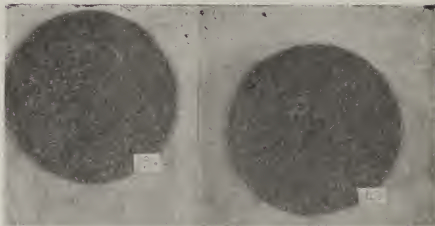
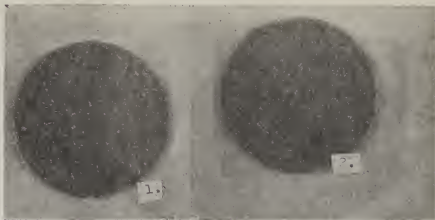
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—H. L., Kentucky

## Answer:

While the note you refer to is no longer redeemable I would say its collectors' value would be its face value namely \$5.00 provided it is in choice condition which it seems to be.

—C. F., Florida

## Question:

After many years of enjoying 'Coin Quiz' I have an inquiry: what is the worth of the following?

1. Proof One Peso, 1903 "Filipinas" silver. 2. Republic of Liberia 1847, two cents, copper. 3. Empire Francais 5 francs 1811, silver. Head of "Napoleon Empereur". 4. 1/4 D, 1883 Kalakaua I King of Hawaii silver.

—L. A., New York

## Answer:

The Philippine peso 1903 is uncirculated condition is worth around \$10. Proofs in perfect condition with clear mirror-like finish, no hairlines or scratches are very rare possibly worth 10 times that amount.

Liberia 1847 two cents very fine around \$6.00, uncirculated \$10. Five francs 1811 France Napoleon fine,

around \$10. 1883 Hawaii 1/4 D of fine, \$6.00, Ex fine \$10, Unc. \$30.

—C. F., Florida

## Question:

The rubbings are of a German coin or medallion. It is copper (more like bronze), same size as a dime and has a serrated edge like a dime. I'm not positive about the spelling of the first word on drawing #2. The letters are hard to read on the coin.

—F. M., Minnesota

## Answer:

Your coin is a 5 pfennig coin of Nazi Germany. It retails for 15c.

—C. F., Florida

## Question:

I have a coin that an old man gave me years ago. A good friend of mine told me of you. I have made the pencil impressions, and sketched a pattern. The coin looks a little beaten up so I did the best I could. The coin is gold in color and it might be gold.

—R. W. B., Mississippi

## Answer:

All I can say about your coin is that it most likely came from one of the Native Indian States for it looks somewhat like these. The design, however, is unidentifiable. It most likely is not gold but brass but this can be determined at a local jewelry store.

—C. F., Florida

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**(COIN QUIZ—Cont. from page 132)**  
**Question:**

I have inherited the Order of The Cincinnati medal which I understand is rather scarce, and I would like to know its approximate value. To make sure that there is no mistake here is a description of this medal.

The gold and enameled medal is about 1-1/2" high and 9/16" wide. It is in the shape of an eagle, its head and tail in white enamel, gold wings, green enameled legs and feet and surmounted by green enameled leaves, laurel, I believe. On the center of the eagle's body there is an oval enameled medallion with each side different. One side has four figures, shield and sword with "Soc. Cinc Inst 1783 Virt Praem". The other, one figure, sword, shield and sun and words "Relino. Serv. Remp. Omn". It is in very good condition with some of the enamel off here and there.

—F. J. A., New York

**Answer:**

Sorry, I am not well acquainted with the medal you describe. However, if it is actually made of gold the basic valuation of the medal would be the current gold value depending upon current prices of the gold. As to the numismatic value, I do not think interest in this field would cause it to be worth much or any premium over the gold value. For a person interested in the order and desiring the medal, its value could be quite high depending upon how much he or she would be inclined to pay.

—C. F., Florida

**Question:**

For years we have admired your knowledge of numismatics and your ability to answer all questions in HOBBIES, and carry on your business and auctions as well.

In the July, 1973, HOBBIES magazine, page 132, you remark "Believe it or not, but these Maria Theresa Thalers are still made with their original date of 1780 for trade with ignorant natives of Ethiopia. . ."

It is my understanding that the natives of Ethiopia and elsewhere in the Middle East, have for many years accepted these Maria Theresa Thalers for their bullion silver content which I understand has always been constant and regardless of the mint producing them; that no counterfeit of lower silver content are known. This hardly seems consistent with the concept of "ignorant natives"! During years of currency changes or debasement of them, a known constant of bullion value in the form of the "Maria Theresa(s)" has been used by those accepting them in trade. In the United States we have become politically helpless to prevent being forced to use paper pieces with no intrinsic value and no metal backing whatsoever, as well as running a National Debt understood to be equal to twice the rest of the world combined.

Any comments you may care to make will be appreciated. Please find stamped air post envelope.

Should you be in Seattle at any time, to see you would be a pleasure; I hope you will look me up.

—R. Y. P., Washington

**MUSEUM WORLD**

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brought faraway worlds to the small New England village.

The popular tastes, trade and domestic life of the early 19th century, as reflected in the furnishing of such a country store, is the theme of Old Sturbridge Village's 15th annual Antiques Collectors' Weekend held at the Village October 26-28.

The newest addition to the Village's collection of exhibit buildings, the Asa Knight Store last year was dismantled and moved to the Village from its original site in Dummerston, Vt. The early 1800s store has been re-erected and restored and is being furnished with hundreds of items of history.

The Collectors' Weekend program includes talks on fancy goods, pottery, Shaker products, hardware and tools, paper packaging and other typical goods. A special feature of the program was the opportunity of participants to discuss fine prints of collecting and collections in a Saturday afternoon workshop.

Speakers for this year's program included: Georgia B. Bumgardner, curator of maps and prints, American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; Reginald French of Amherst, Mass., collector of antiques; Darrell Hyder of North Brookfield, Mass., printer and designer; Margaret MacArthur of Marlboro, Vt., folklorist; Bud Thompson, director of Shaker Village, Canterbury, N.H.

Also, John O. Curtis, director of the curatorial department; Jane C. Nylander, curator of textiles and ceramics; Arthur F. Schrader, music associate; Caroline F. Sloat, researcher; Alexander J. Wall, president, and Frank White, curator of mechanical arts, all of Old Sturbridge Village.

**COIN QUIZ****Answer:**

I enjoyed reading your letter of the 13th respecting the Maria Theresa dollars. It is a wonder they have not started to debase them. However, as has been the habit in all more or less primitive areas (according to our standards) these natives are extremely sharp in detecting any debasement or inferior metal in their coins. Take the US Trade dollar first issued for trade in China. While we made them heavier the silver content was not as much as those circulating there at that time. Hence it was not long before they were unpopular and we were compelled to accept them back not as legal tender here in the US but at silver value! I can remember buying 100 all Ex fine or better from a dealer in the Orient at 75c each!

Yes, it is too bad we now survive on paper dollars. Our present situation reminds me of the last days of the Roman Empire and am glad I will not live to see the end. Did you know that prior to the gold hoarding act of 1933 if you had a \$20 gold piece badly worn you only received the gold value for the coin? We have gone a long way from that kind of solid economy.

—C. F., Florida

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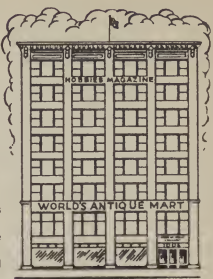
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# Two Clock Type Banks

By F. H. GRIFFITH



Fig. 1

Mechanical banks that were made to look like watches or clocks are rather few and far between. In the more than 20 years that these articles have been written only two watch mechanicals have appeared, along with one clock type. The clock bank covered is a very rare item and actually uses a regular working clock.

This is the Time Lock Savings Bank, HOBBIES, September 1969.

## Old Mechanical Banks

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Fig. 2

The Time is Money Bank (HOBBIES, May 1959) could be a fringe bank in the clock and watch category, but it does not actually represent nor is it in the form of either one. So to get to the point we now come to the unusual circumstances of classifying two clock type mechanical banks, the Registering Dime Savings Bank, No. 232 in the numerical classification, and the "Time" Registering Bank, No. 233. Let us make one thing clear right now, these are mechanical banks, not just registering banks. True the word "registering" appears in the name of each bank, but as with the Perfection Registering Bank (HOBBIES, September 1959) there is a lot more to each bank than simply having the amount registered. Also true, however, is the fact that each bank could be included in a collection of registering banks if one so chooses.

The Registering Dime Savings Bank, Figure 1, has the configuration of an 1890-1910 period oak case mantle or shelf clock. It is a well made

nickel plated cast iron casting with nice detail. The clock face is paper and the hands are the same as those used on a regular clock. A beveled glass protects the face and hands. The name Registering Dime Savings Bank appears on the door as shown in the photo.

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### WATCH OUT FOR THE FOLLOWING WHEN SELLING AT AUCTION

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### CHOOSING A DEALER TO SELL TO OUTRIGHT OR AT AUCTION

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# COIN QUIZ

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Please send your inquiry along with your 25 cents remittance to: Charles French c/o HOBBIES, 1006 South Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60605.

## Question:

Can you please tell me about the possible authenticity and value of this coin? With much gratitude.

P. T. L., Florida

## Answer:

Your Canadian cent is without doubt a mint error and as such worth around 1 dollar, provided of course inspection does not show that the counterstamped dates were done by some individual. —C. F., Florida

## Question:

Can you please identify the coins I have pictured on the enclosed sheet? Also give their value, if any. The U.S. 50 cent piece I am planning on selling but I want to make sure that it isn't a scarce die variety. Any help you can give me will be greatly appreciated. —T. E. W., Kansas

## Answer:

Thank you for sending the lists. The first one is a one dime coin of Napoleon 1814 valued at \$3.00. The Belgian 2 cent, 25c; The Norwegian 5 ore 15c; The Swiss 5 centimes 15c; The Canadian 1858 20c, if it does not have any mutilations, is worth around \$30. The half dollar is an 1818 over 17 variety and in very good condition should be worth \$12.50. —C. F., Florida

## Question:

I have a Continental dollar made of pewter.

Could you determine its value?

Also the value of other pieces as per enclosed rubbings?

—V. F., Louisiana

## Answer:

The 1776 coin, if genuine, is valued at between \$800 and \$1000. There are, however, a great many fakes of this rarity and the piece would have to be authenticated, as to its genuineness.

The Jackson brass token is of little value.

The \$5 gold piece of 1836S, if in extremely fine condition, is worth \$46.00.

The Peruvian 1 Sol coin is worth \$2.50. —C. F., Florida

## Question:

The year and the German words are very distinct on my coin. One eagle's wing lines are also very distinct. All letters are risen. Would like to know if it has value.

—J. P. H., Missouri

## Answer:

Your coin is a 2 pfennig piece issued during the Nazi regime. Its value is 5c. —C. F., Florida

## Question:

Enclosed is a photostatic copy of a \$5 bill misprint which I would like appraised. Could you give me some idea about its worth and also some more information about it.

—R. F., Minnesota

## Answer:

The reverse of your note is an off-set overprint and quite an interesting mint error. I believe it looks to be in very fine condition and as such should be worth \$25.00.

## Question:

I would appreciate any information you could supply in regards to the value of the following two items.

1. I have a 1969 Uncirculated mint set which has two (S over S) mint cents instead of the usual one.

2. A medal with attached blue, white, and gold ribbon, dated Sept. 25, 1909. Hudson-Fulton Celebration. The medal is made of copper or brass and is in very fine condition. The ribbon is dirty on one side but not very worn, or torn. See attached rubbing. —C. A. M., Michigan

## Answer:

I presume that your 1969 mint set with two S mint cents is lacking either a D or Phila cent. Right? If so, I would recommend that you endeavor to get the lacking cent to replace the error. The sets would be of more value completely perfect rather than with two S mint cents as their premium value over the other mint marks is so insignificant.

The badge, or medal you have of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration is most likely a souvenir sold during the celebration. It also might have been worn by one of the officers or attendants. It is not listed as one of the official medals issued for the celebration. —C. F., Florida

## Question:

Please find enclosed a rubbing of a coin I have.

Would like to know about the coin, what it is worth and what ever you can tell me about it.

—J. C., New York

## Answer:

There are a great many of these imitation California gold pieces turning up all over the country. They are copies of an original Blake and Co. \$20 piece. —C. F., Florida

## Question:

Would you please give me the market value of this coin? Pencil rubbing attached. —S. A. D., Connecticut

## Answer:

Your coin is a half penny of George II of England in nice condition. It is not very rare, however, retailing for around \$2.00. —C. F., Florida

## Question:

Please give me the value of the following described coins.

1. I also have a Spanish commemorative medal (about 2 inches across, made of bronze).

—L. F. D. U., Louisiana

## Answer:

Your Venezuelan coins are cataloged as follows, in uncirculated condition.

1960 2 Bolivars \$1.25; 1965 1 Bolivar \$1.00; 1960 50c 40c; 1960 25c 25c; 1958 12½c VF 15c; 1936 dollar uncirculated at \$22.50, very fine \$5.00; Cuba 20c fine 15c; 1946 5c unc. 5c; England florin 35c;

Turkey 1 lira 1962 50c; These are catalog values and the coins retail around 60 per cent of these values.

I am not acquainted with the medal but from your description it seems to be of recent issue. If bronze and uncirculated it should be worth around \$2.50 or so, if silver or gold, worth much more. —C. F., Florida

## Question:

We were told by a coin dealer, we could write you for a history and value of a coin we have.

It is about the size of a nickel; it has the Star of David, and the numbers or date 1371. The opposite side has Maroc 20 Francs, also in very small print the name J. Mainaut.

We would appreciate any information. —J. M., Indiana

## Answer:

The coin you have is a Moroccan 20 franc piece. The date 1371 is a

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## COIN QUIZ

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Mohammedan date and in Christian dating is in the 20th century. Its retail value is 50c.

—C. F., Florida

### Question:

I have recently found a one dollar bill Federal Reserve note, series 1969D, signed by Bunuelos and Shultz, in Very Good to Excellent condition that has the following fault: On the front face is a small fold with printing intact over fold, when fold is pulled out, there is a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " blank strip across bill, as well as a border irregularity. On the reverse the fold obscures some print (indicating the fold occurred after printing the back but before printing the front and cutting the bill). —R. F., Texas

### Answer:

Your mint error note is an interesting one. There are however, quite a few of this type of error known. If in very fine condition I would say yours is worth around \$2.50.

—C. F., Florida

### Question:

May I bother you for some information on my Cob coin? Is it 8 reales? What type or Variety, and the approximate value?

I am not trying to peddle it, but would like an estimate of what would be asked for it.

—F. H., Pennsylvania

### Answer:

Your coin is 8 reales Mexico City mint. It appears to be genuine. I've seen these cob pieces sell anywhere from \$20 to \$40 without date. The date makes it more valuable. I'd say it should be worth around \$100. There are a lot of these being found lately. This might be from the Texas find recently, or the find off of the Florida Keys. With such a lot being discovered, value may be unstable.

—C. F., Florida

### Question:

Enclosed is a pencil rubbing of a coin that I have. Can you tell me what it is? The country, state, also what is the value?

—G. S., Connecticut

### Answer:

The design you have sent me is of one of the rarest coins known and if genuine worth thousands of dollars. However, there are hardly any of these available and there are very excellent copies. It is the Ephraim Brasher Doubloon, Struck in Gold. The pencil rubbing you sent me seems to indicate that it is a copy. However, if you wish it authenticated I can handle it for you at a cost of about \$10 for registered shipping to and fro to various sources.

One way you can tell right away is to determine if the coin is gold or not. If not it is not genuine.

—C. F., Florida

### Question:

I've been looking through HOBBIES trying to locate a frame for 90 coins

—size  $1\frac{1}{4}$ "x $1\frac{1}{4}$ ". The beautiful wooden frame then extends to  $13\frac{1}{2}$ "x $16\frac{1}{2}$ " holding 90 coins, 10 high and nine across. I have one such coin holder and need one more. The coins are 1909V.DB to 1940D. Maybe you can perform the impossible. Could use another such frame for a friend plus the two above mentioned. This friend also needs a 14D to complete her set.

Are "Merit" coin holders available? I have one for 1909-1948 cents on 4 pages, size  $7\frac{1}{4}$ "x $5\frac{1}{4}$ ", hinged on one end. Hope you can supply useful information. —G. O. M., California

### Answer:

I am not acquainted with a holder in wood that you describe and am sorry I cannot help you on this. I am also not acquainted with Merit holders.

There are some excellent holders available today most are in Plexiglas which is excellent to place choice coins in for there is nothing about the plastic that can harm the coin. If you are interested in these I would suggest that you write "Capital Plastics" 3136 Dellwood NW, Canton, Ohio 44708. —C. F., Florida

### Question:

Please give me the estimated value of the following coin of which a pencil tracing is enclosed. The metal appears to be copper.

The coin was enclosed in a round close fitting box with red embossed paper covering, and coated on the inside with red wool flock. The total was packed in a small chipboard box edged with paper tape.

I came in possession of this through the flock manufacturing industry in which I worked for over 30 years. As far as our records go the round red box was probably made in France as there is no record of flock manufacture in the U.S.A. in the late 19th century.

Your reply will be appreciated.

—J. B. D., New Hampshire

### Answer:

Yours is the official medal of the US Centennial Exposition held in Philadelphia in 1876. While they were gilt, bronze and silver (the silver being the rarest) yours must be the bronzine one. These catalog at \$30 and retail for around \$17.50. Its identification number is Hibler, Kappen #21.

—C. F., Florida

### Question:

I found your address in a magazine and I have some coins for which I don't know the value. Here is one of them. It is in a gold coin and the left side says: "Georgius V.D.G. Britt. Omn: Rex F.D. IND. IMP." The right side is a man on a horse with a sword fighting.

Will you please tell me the value of this coin as soon as possible?

—L. L., Texas

### Answer:

Your coin is a gold sovereign of George V of England. These coins today are worth \$17.50 to dealers if in perfect condition. —C. F., Florida

### Question:

I have enclosed a couple of photocopies of a U.S.A. bill from "The State of Louisiana." Face value is \$100. The color is a light buff. I am curious as to if it is authentic, and if so, its value. Could you please send information on these to me?

—J. M., Canada

### Answer:

This is most likely a replica as all of these notes that are on heavy parchment-like paper in a buff color. The original notes were on a thin tissue-like paper that was white. Anyway, if genuine the note would not have been worth more than a dollar or two. They sell these now as curiosities. —C. F., Florida

### Question:

Can you tell me if there is any truth in the rumor that certain, currently circulating one dollar bills are of more than face value, or, at least being "collected" because they may be? The bill I refer to (and I receive them in change often, so they're not rare) is one described by a friend's friend as: "Having K in 'wreath' (circle) Dallas mint, bearing Connally signature as Secretary of Treasury, having four '11's on face."

—Mrs. D.D.M., Louisiana

### Answer:

Periodically there is a new rumor spreading throughout the country about some bills becoming rare because of some nebulous reason. First let me explain. Collectors of paper money are only interested in recent issues provided they are crisp, new, unfolded. Circulated notes would not demand any premium of sufficient value to bother keeping them (with interest at from 5 to 7 per cent in the banks).

I therefore regret to say that the notes you mentioned are of no premium value. —C.F., Florida

### Question:

I have two coins, one a Wilson that is pure silver, 1914, one slightly worn. The other, Lincoln, has a hole in the middle. Can you give me some information on them and their value?

—Mrs. J.P., Colorado

### Answer:

The so-called Wilson Dollar in silver was struck in 1920. It has sometimes been connected with a silver dollar series as there were no regular silver dollars coined in 1920. The new series was started in 1921. It is, however, a medal. It is quite rare and in my opinion should be worth over \$50.

The other piece is a transportation token. It was made with the hole in it (not mutilation). Transportation tokens are not usually rare, although the head of Lincoln on yours would increase its value. I would say it is worth around \$1. —C.F., Florida

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The Ertell Button Museum, at Liberty Village, Turntable Junction, Flemington, N.J. Much of history and art as displayed in buttons is shown in the various exhibit cases here.

## COIN QUIZ

By CHARLES FRENCH

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### Question:

Would appreciate some information on this coin. —M.A., Kentucky

The coin you have is a double thaler of Leopold I, Holy Roman Emperor and ruler of Austria, Burgundy, and Tyrol. The date is 1626. The double thaler is more valuable than the one thaler piece and in the condition indicated I would say the coin is worth in the vicinity of \$270.

—C.F., Florida

### Question:

Enclosed are pencil rubbings of a coin which we believe to be Oriental. The printing seems to be Chinese or Japanese. Your help in identifying this coin will be appreciated.

—G.M., Missouri

### Answer:

Your coin is from Siam, most likely a one baht coin valued at around 50c.

—C.F., Florida

### Question:

Can you tell me the value of the enclosed 10c paper bill?

—Mrs. B.W., Illinois

### Answer:

Your note is one of the Fractional currency notes issued after the Civil War, 5th issue. It seems to be in brand new condition and as such it is worth around \$3.50. If it is folded it is worth around \$1.

—C.F., Florida

### Question:

I have a German bank note about which I should like to know the value.

—J.B.T., Virginia

### Answer:

The obsolete German inflationary note is no longer redeemable, its value is about 50c.

—C.F., Florida

### Question:

I have a \$1 gold piece dated 1853. On one side is the Liberty Head

other side says "1 Dollar, 1853."

On the outside edge it says "United States of America." There is a laurel wreath around the words "1 Dollar, 1853."

On one of the bottom stars someone has drilled a tiny hole. Has that caused the value to go down and also is this an authentic coin?

—Mrs. F.H.H., Illinois

### Answer:

The fact that your gold dollar has a hole in it, decreased its value considerably. If it had been in Extremely Fine condition, without a hole, it would have been worth over \$100. With the hole, it is worth around \$20.

—C.F., Florida

### Question:

I recently acquired some collectibles. One customer gave me a \$20 Federal Reserve note. I took it for face value. I have since collected a few more. If they have premium, is it only in certain issues?

—W.W., Arizona

### Answer:

In choice condition your \$20 note is worth, at retail, around \$27, but difficult to sell. I think you were right in taking it for face. Accept anything, over face for it, you can get. Federal Reserves are not too popular, particularly the higher values. I would suggest that you get a copy of Hawitt's "Small Size U.S. Paper Money Book," by Donlon. This will give you values of all paper money of the small size. Get it at your local coin store.

—C.F., Florida

## THE PICTURE POST CARD

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ific subject of postcard production. I've met individuals in my travels who have attested to the fact that my catalog started them out on the most interesting hobby of their life—Lincoln postcard collecting. Like myself in earlier days, they did not realize the extent and magnitude of the

Lincoln issues; and once they tasted the new wine of Lincoln postcard collecting, they were hooked. That's one of the things that's so great about hobbies: they enrich your life with enjoyments never dreamed possible, taking away the lonely hours, and adding much unexpected pleasure.

But the pleasure of searching for Lincoln postcards did not end with the publication of the first edition of the "Lincoln Postcard Catalog." Almost daily I found cards not listed. Within a few months I had gathered hundreds of additions to the check list.

Two very fine people who were attracted to the hobby of Lincoln postcards were Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Brennan of Bethlehem, Pa. Dr. Brennan is dean of students at Lehigh University. The Brennans asked to have a part in the first revision of the catalog, so in 1972 I turned over my additions for their careful scrutiny and research. By the summer of '73 they had amassed a total of more than 8000 listings including the original 2000 that I started with back in 1967.

Through the arduous labors of Dr. and Mrs. Brennan, the first revision of the "Lincoln Postcard Catalog" appeared October 1, 1973—a 144 page book, 8½" by 11" in size, containing scores of clearly illustrated Lincoln cards and more than 8000 individually listed, described, and priced cards. Check boxes were provided beside each listing, enabling the collector to check in his catalog the ones already in his collection. The catalog may be taken on card-hunting trips and vacations. Whenever Lincoln cards are available for purchasing or trading, the collector may know instantly whether or not he has that particular card. Since the cards are listed by publisher, the collector is able to locate any card within a few seconds.

The "Lincoln Postcard Catalog" is by far the most ambitious postcard reference book ever assembled on one specific subject—in this case, President Lincoln whose birthday we celebrate each year on February 12. The first revision was printed in Limited Edition and is available at \$4.95 for the paperback and \$6.95 for the hard-back library edition. The catalog alone is a collector's item, suitable for those interested in Lincolniana. HOBBIES readers may find the catalog at antique book-hops, or they may write directly to this correspondent at 318 Roosevelt Ave., Folsom, Pa. 19033, for a postpaid copy at the stated prices.

Just a few years ago no one would have ever thought that Lincoln postcards would play such a prominent role in the hobby field. Hundreds of dedicated collectors today attest to the viability of Lincoln postcards as an important segment of collecting.

And what's next? Would you believe that as many, if not more, cards have been published on George Washington? Perhaps a similar book can be arranged on Washington cards in connection with the coming Bicentennial. Anyone interested?

## THE MART

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### JEWELRY WANTED

DIAMONDS, old gold coins, watches, stickpins, rings, earrings, etc., regardless of condition. Highest prices paid. Prompt replies. Send by registered mail to: — Edward G. Wilton, 1802 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. jly120291

WE PAY cash! Diamonds, gold, silver, platinum, antique jewelry. Check return mail. Shipments held infact pending approval. — Amco Jewelry Co., Houston Citizens Bank Bldg., 100 Jefferson, Suite 1006, Houston, Tex. 77002 jcl24891

### JEWELRY FOR SALE

WIDE VARIETY of moderately priced antiques and estate jewelry for sale. Send wants. — Gem Antiques, 25 Longwood Terr., Portland, Me. 04102 jly124431

### MART WANTED

OVER 20 YEARS IN "The Mart." Wanted: Early colored illustrated advertising on posters, trays, containers, etc.; historical, pictorial, or interesting Americana items from pre-Civil War to 1930; old letters and documents; autographs; political items; early photographs; pinback buttons; Negro items; beverage articles; curios; oddities; miscellaneous popular collectibles. Also family accumulations. Write: — Jack Stine, 515 Elsie, Edwardsville, Ill. 62025 my3449

MISC. WANTED: Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Hires Tru Tin & Cast Iron Toys, Arcade & Game Machines, Maxfield Parrish Prints—Tauri Brustin, 8915 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90069 mh126581

RAILROAD TIMETABLES, etc. Good prices paid for railroad, trolley & steamboat time tables. Also train booklets, brochures, passes, switch keys, books, miscellaneous. — Glen Arone, 377 Ashford, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. 10522 jly120291

WANTED: Occupational Shaving Mugs. Will buy singles or a collection. Also want Duquet piano rolls. 412-931-5101. — Newton, Ingomar, Pa. 15127 o120821

LEGAL ITEMS WANTED. Anything involving lawyers, courts or the law. Please send description and price. Will answer all correspondence. A. Kalnit, 69 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill. 60602 my6219

All Erector sets, parts, manuals, motors in wood or metal boxes before 1938; 9½, 10½, 12½, 10092, 10093, 10094, 10082, 10083, 10084, 10129, 10601, 10606, 10611, 10621 sets after 1937; Steel Tech Sets.—Sidney Seligson, 4655 Stanford, Wichita Falls, Tex. 76308 mh3489

EARLY North Lamps and old lighting devices — Shaw, 632 North Wayne, Keosau, Ohio 41238

WANTED: Spotted Cat fur coat in decent condition. — Steinfield, 633 Westfield Ave., Westfield, N.J. 07091 mh1821

John Rogers Groups and Figural Napkin Rings always wanted. Call collect on Rogers: 616-791-9120 and write about rings. — Bleier, 783 Oakleigh, Valley Stream, N.Y. 11581. o126942

Old locks, handcuffs, shackles, door knockers, spurs, firemarks, tools. Old toy trains and catalogs, iron and tin toys, cap pistols and bombs, dolls, marbles, pocket knives, Buddy L toys, powder cans and barrels, military medals, Oriental items, war relics. Rogers groups, garden ornaments and statuary. Rare books, pamphlets, trade catalogs, prints, paintings, sculpture. — F. Roshon, 378 Buchert Rd., Pottstown, Pa. 19464 ap122595

SPORTS CARDS WANTED: Baseball, football, other sports cards and inserts issued with tobacco, candy, gum, other products and service, 1880-1959 with some exceptions. Note my ad under Books Wanted. — G. G. Goldfaden, P.O. Box 46577-H, Briggs Station, Los Angeles, Calif. 90048 jcl22572

OLD CLOTHING worn any time between 1820 and 1940's. Write me about anything you have. — Ballard's Antique Costumes, 317 Wayside Dr., Plainfield, Ind. 46168 mh3483

INTERESTED in purchasing land grants of Presidents of the United States up to and including Andrew Jackson. — King W. Hostick, 901 College, Springfield, Ill. 62704 ttx

Military Americana, helmets, headgear, uniforms before 1800, guns, swords, accoutrements, Fire & Insurance items, documents wanted — Edward Halprin, P.O. Box 1734, New Haven, Conn. d120042

CHESS SETS always wanted. — George Wanz, San Marcos, Tex. 78666 ap12946

Old Radios, parts, accessories prior to 1928. — McWhorter, 53 Birchhead, Toledo, Ohio 43608 ap6426

AMERICAN WOVEN COVERLETS WANTED by collector, signed and dated, good to mint, call 313-662-9453 collect. — Ann Arbor, Mich d126771

AUTOMOBILE License Plates. Only pre-1920. Describe fairly and price. All mail answered. — Quackenbush, 155-H Demarest, Hillsdale, N.J. 07642 ap122511

KEWPIES, Rose O'Neill illustrations and other items. Please price. — Gladys Hollander, 5928 Garford St., Long Beach, Calif. 90815 ep6475

WANT OLD RADIO transcription discs.—Box 724, Redmond, Wash. au12008

OLD TYPEWRITERS wanted prior to 1920. Also catalogs, literature, No Corones. — Lippman, 175 West 13th St., New York, N.Y. my122511

WANTED to buy letters and documents of Presidents of the United States, especially Abraham Lincoln, as well as letters of famous persons. — King W. Hostick, 901 College, Springfield, Ill. 62704 ttx

POLITICAL AMERICANA Presidential buttons, ribbons, medals wanted, paying up to \$1600 cash for Cox-Roosevelt picture button (jugate). — Frank Cherry, 432 Greenbriar Rd., Alameda, Calif. 94501 mh3614

WANTED: Old baseball cards. — Mary C. Sheehan, 100 Langdon St., Newton, Mass. 02158 mh3802

WATCH FOB'S WANTED. Old strap type: Machine, advertising, describe, quote price. Pay top prices. — Albert Goetz, 1763 Poplar, South Milwaukee, Wis. 53172 ap128041

CASH For Comic Books. Also magazines.—Spider, 68, Weird, Shadow, Horror, Terror, etc. Top prices paid. — Joe Goggin, 6202 Greeley Blvd., Springfield, Va. 22152 d126351

MILK BOTTLES: Wanted all types. Send information. — Anselm Frankel, 8008 Westmoreland, Sarasota, Fla. 33580 jcl6027

OLD MURRAY RUGS wanted. Private party. — B. Murray, 1005 N.W. 32, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73118 mh5276

PRESIDENTIAL Campaign buttons, medals, ribbons, glassware, postcards, watch fobs, etc., wanted. Also buy old advertising buttons. Please describe and price. — Linda Adams, 608 Stewart St., Seattle, Wash. 98101 jcl22771

RUDOLPH Valentini material wanted, movie posters, lobby cards, glass slides, and memorabilia. — Richard Short, P.O. Box 1038, San Bernardino, Calif. 92402 d128041

ALWAYS WANTED — Dolls, toys and railroad items. Describe and price. — Cliff, 1712 Redwood, Hanover Park, Ill. 60103 jcl2272

WANTED — BELLS. Locomotive bells, church bells, large bronze bells, any unusual bells. — Paul Vruwink, Lake Lillian, Minn. 56253 jcl6675

PRESIDENTIAL: campaign buttons, ribbons and tokens purchased. One item or a whole collection. — Edwin Puls, 185 Linden Rd., Birmingham, Mich. jcl20821

WANTED: Old Van Briggle Pottery mounted or trimmed in metal. — Mrs. W. B. Crouch, 2729 Chelton Rd., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80909 jcl6633

CANES WANTED: Weapon, gadget or container types. — F. Monck, 950 Westminster, Lake Forest, Ill. 60045 ap123647

COLLECTOR purchasing baseball and football memorabilia. — John Sullivan, 3748 N. Damen, Chicago, Ill. 60618 my12676

WANTED: Greentown chocolate Dewey lids: 2½" diameter for Cactus syrup pitcher and 2½" for sugar bowl. Send price and condition. — Breckel, 2346 W. Iowa St., Chicago, Ill. 60622 mh3444

SANDOW & SANDOW Trocadero Vaudeville: statues, books, lithos, photos wanted. — G. Nislovic, 705 Clifton Ave., Newark, N.J. 07104 d120821

BASEBALL CARDS wanted before 1953. — D. Schlat, 1483 Myron, Lincoln Park, Mich. 48146 ep6414

WANTED: 15-16" composition body, 5" round neck socket, bead doll and baby-doll socket head to fit 12" composition body, 2" neck opening. Also ted block butter dish bottom, top is 5" across. — M. Klein, 5146 Armor-Duels, Hamburg, N.Y. 14075 mh3276

Advertising Stick Pins of Farm related items. Describe, price. — Donald Sites, Grinnel, Kansas 67738 jly66775

NETSKEU WANTED. Also small Oriental ivory, stone or wood carvings. Must be fine, old and unusual subject matter. — The Davidsons, 1004 Stratford Ave., Melrose Park, Philadelphia, Pa. 19126 my6616

COLLECTOR-DEALER has cash for old netsuke, jade, snuff bottles, fine Oriental antiques, write — Orientalia, 532 Paulele St., Kailua, Hawaii 96734 d12431

WANTED: Theatre programs, letters, and memorabilia of dear Jenny Lind. — W. Porter Ware, Sewanee, Tenn. ttx

1876 CENTENNIAL material wanted: Historical glass, banks, puzzles, watches, everything, anything. Private collector. Describe and price. — Pollock, 1930 Chestnut, Philadelphia, Pa. mh12431

WANTED, Royal Doulton china picturing automobiles, also want watches with embossed or engraved cases showing early auto scenes, want any fine art nouveau pieces or bronzes, shaped like automobiles, also occupational shaving mug with auto, motorcycles, race cars or horse-drawn vehicles. Pay top dollar, some trades available. — Paul Dunigan, 40 Van Greenby, Lowell, Mass. 01851, Ph. 617-453-0393. my126773

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TIFFANY STUDIOS, desk items, book, etc. Name your price. — P. Veccearo, 514 Page Ave., Allenhurst, N.J. 07711 ep128901

LIGHTING CATALOGS and BOOKS.—Morrow, 1424 W. Alabama, Houston Tex. 77006 ep12407

**Books with views of Canada, USA, Switzerland, Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, Portugal, So. America, Germany, Great Britain, before 1880, state price.** — Historyana, Box 293, Oakville, Ont. L6J 542, Canada. my3276

**OLD MOLDS** for lead, bronze, pewter items. Soldiers, plates, buttons, spoons. Any size mold — Robert Nixon, Founder, Box 252, Elizabeth, New Jersey jyl607

**RED RIDING HOOD**—Wanted, anything pertaining to her except books. — Hesterberg, Box 233, Quogue, L.I., N.Y. mh12401

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**WANTED:** Two Swift books by Victor Appleton: G & D 190-195, Any or all of series. Must include cast jackets. — W. R. Gowen, 723 South Lake, Mundelein, Ill. 60060 au6069

**WANTED: SOUTHERN MINSTREL materials.** Playbills, songs, pictures, letters. — Rev. David A. Gregory, Box 65, Yale Divinity School, 409 Prospect St., New Haven, Conn. 06510 ap3885

**DENTAL ITEMS WANTED:** Old chain, 4-globe dental lights, equipment, cabinets, catalogs, etc. — J. Drandell, 10884 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90025 jh6046

**American Flag 15 Stars, 15 stripes** urgently desired. Any size. Will pay extremely high. — James J. Fuld, Room 2100, 300 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022 jh3426

**MERCHANTS TRADE TOKENS** (Good for Sc, etc. in trade) with town/state on them. — Forrest Dunham, 201 N. 107th, Seattle, Washington 98133 1128041

**American Bronzes by Dallon, Proctor, Earl Heika and Charles Beil. Paintings by Thomas Hill, Edward Moran, Edward Gay, George McCord, Wm. Keith, Herman Herzog. — William Lavendusky, 4947 East 37th Pl., Tulsa, Okla. 74135 jh3297**

**WANTED:** Papercolls, valentines, greetings and scrapbooks before 1900. No post cards or clippings wanted. — H. Swayze, Pomfret Center Conn. 06259 jh3023

**COLLECTOR WANTS** Sunbonnet Babies post cards by Corbett — mending, scrubbing, and sweeping. Also any Gene Autry items—records, guns, pictures, etc. Large, 561 30th Ave. San Mateo, Calif. 94403 jh3464

**WANTED, Silverware, serving pieces, china, glassware, related items—one piece or 1,000—** but must bear name or mark of railroad. — C. B. Goodman & Co., 11760 Roscoe Blvd., San Valley, California 91352 jh4201

**PRE-1936 Presidential campaign items.**—Putman, 465 Macons Fond du Lac, Wis. mh6483

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**OLD BOTTLES and Jars** wanted. — Harold Loyd, 215 Donaldson, Tifton, Ga. 31794 jh12867

**Antique Womens and Childrens** clothing prior 1935. No black wool or nylon, also fine laces, ribbons & trims. Also old dolls. State condition & price.—Edythe Mitchell, 116 Middeltown Rd., Berlin, Conn. 06037 jyl128613

**NUTCRACKERS** wanted if priced reasonably. Send sketch, description and price to — David Smith, P.O. Box 812, Houston, Tex. 77001 mh126121

**DOG ITEMS WANTED:** Figurines, Bronzes, prints and antiques. Top prices paid. — Box 5729, Sherman Oaks, CA. 91403 jh128001

**WANTED:** Fine old American & English bowie knives. Tintype photos of Civil War soldiers.—David Wilson, 1795 Tutwiler, Memphis, Tenn. 38107 au20821

**BASEBALL CARDS** From Games, gum, bread, etc. Wanted. — D. Schlaf, 1483 Myron, Lincoln Park, Mich. 48146 au6215

**WANTED:** Any info, pictures, old advertisements, helpin holders (antique) and genuine (8" or longer) haptins. — Elizabeth L. Hovance, Libreville, Dept. of State, Washington, D.C. 20521 mh1002

**CHICAGO & NORTH WESTERN RR LINE** memorabilia wanted! Timetables, land grants, emigrant advertising, annual reports, passes, history, folders, rail fair post cards, old time bonds, passenger train bills, magazine ads, movie-slides, RR books. — Alden Miller, 3212 34th Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minn. 55406 d126182

**★ RADIO MAGS, WANTED (early) WIRELESS** Age, Radio, Radio & Television, Radio News, Popular Electricity. — Wayne Nelson, Concord, NC 28025 s120821

**JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.** Interesting old things from this city. — Warren Masters, 4057 Carmichael, Jacksonville, Fla. jyl12649

**WANTED:** Cylinder and old disc photographs, any cond., all types of parts. Please describe what and price wanted. — Thomas Pollard, 3100 Fairway Dr., Soquel, Calif. 95073 mh3004

**OLD RECORD** catalogs, books or anything on the old photographs. Thomas Edison, pictures, cards, photos, etc. — Tom Pollard, 3100 Fairway Dr., Soquel, Calif. 95073 mh3863

**DONATE YOUR** stamp collection for a tax deduction, 415-454-2476. — Phileman Foundation, 10 Island Drive, San Rafael, Calif. 94901 au6675

**PHOTOGRAPHY.** Please offer original photographs, books and albums illustrated by mounted photographs. Also journals of photographic societies, manuals, stereo-views and daguerotypes. Top prices promptly paid. — George R. Rinhardt, 62 W. 83rd St., New York, N.Y. 10024 jh52571

**Ocean liner memorabilia:** deck plans, menus, shipboard recipes, posters, brochures, etc. — H. Beazley, 2015 Quenby, Houston, Tex. 77005 ap3234

**Wanted:** Pocket knives, new and used, 1 or more. — Gerald Shaw, 2217 Beech St., Savannah, Ga. 31404 ap3804

**ANTIQUE CATS** wanted. — Byrnes, 16660 Kennedy Rd., Los Gatos, Calif. 95030 ap3176

**KATE GREENAWAY, Beatrix Potter** books, Mt. Washington Sugar & Salt Shakers. — DuShane, R #1, St. Clair, Mich. 48079 ap3272

**WANTED:** Books with colored prints published before 1870. Condition of binding unimportant. Condition of prints must be good. — Swayze Prints, Pomfret Center, Conn. 06259 jh3483

**WOULD THE CALIFORNIA OWNER** of the Van Ness coverture who answered our November ad please call 313-662-9453, collect7 mh6131

**WANTED:** Cast iron farm machinery toys pre-1940 especially need John Deere, Avery & Case. — Richard Sonnet, Mapleton RR #1, Minnesota Ph. 507-524-3275. mh1571

**MEDALS—BOUGHT AND SOLD!** I wish to purchase the following types of medals: U.S. and Foreign—historical, life-saving, masonic, inaugural, medical, military, agricultural and industrial society awards; ANS sponsored, Olympic awards, Betts, Washingtonia, Lincolniana, Centennial-1876, Indian peace, and engraved medals of any kind. Free retail price list. Write: — Stan Steinberg, Box 512, Malden, Mass. jh3698

**Wanted: Old Chinese opium pipes** and related paraphernalia. Details to: — Box 12063, Raleigh, N.C. 27605 mh1291

**1939 N.Y. WORLDS FAIR—WANTED—Anything** involving 1939 N.Y.W.F. Please send description and price. — B. Kahn, Box 165, Howard Beach, N.Y. 11414 jh3846

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**W.W. II GAS RATION STAMPS,** limited number, make offer, old comic books & 78 records. — Mrs. Tom Seislad, 133-29th Ave. N.W., Great Falls, Mont. 59404 jh3483

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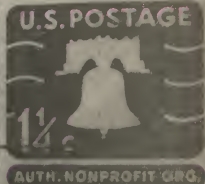
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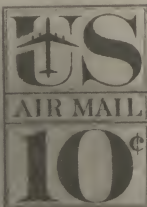
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# RIVAL BANK

By F. H. GRIFFITH



Figure 1

Figure 2

Mechanical banking in 1973 was nothing short of spectacular. There were a number of new finds, including the very interesting Saluting Sailor. Then, after all the years, three British Lions, each in fine condition. Who would have thought not one, but two Seek Him Frisk Banks, a very rare, great action item could possibly turn up in the same year. A very nice example of the rare Bank Teller showed up in California. Strangely enough the last one came to light in the same State, but this was some 20 odd years ago. Then

after all the years that mechanical banks have been collector's items the first known example of the Japanese Ball Tossing was found in Pennsylvania. And if all that isn't enough, how about a Rival Bank, which, to the best of the writer's knowledge, is the second one known to exist. This is an early rare bank with a puzzling name and of necessity at this time No. 234 in the numerical classification.

The fine, original Rival shown has found a good home in the collection of Wally Tudor of Chicago, Ill. Wally

is really interested in mechanical banks, he goes after them, offering good, tough competition in this specialized field of collecting. One of his highlights for 1973 was the acquisition of the Rival Bank and he is to be congratulated on the addition of this rare mechanical to his collection.

The Rival was patented by Daniel James McLean of Reading, Pa., May 21, 1878. The bank, as manufactured, is practically identical to the patent drawings with one exception. In the drawings the spring or accentuating

mechanism that causes the monkey to operate is shown in three forms, all of which go through the building front to back. The bank as produced simply has a spring at the pivot end of the arm, the monkey being an integral part of this arm at the other end. As to the somewhat puzzling name Rival, it is probably best explained and analyzed by quoting a part from the text of the patent.

"The advantages of my (McLean's) toy bank are, first that it holds more money than any other bank of the same size, on account of the small space taken up by the entrance chamber chute; secondly, that any size of coin from a cent to a trade-dollar, may be deposited with equal facility; and, lastly, that the working of the figure will cause great amusement to the children."

So in effect we can judge from this statement of the three advantages that the bank rivaled (equalled or excelled) any other mechanical bank made at the time. McLean in his patent also made a point that coins could not interfere with any working mechanism of the bank and that a larger interior space was provided than was generally the case in toy banks with operating figures. So taking everything into account with respect to the bank being named Rival, the text of the patent papers, in part, would certainly logically furnish reason enough.

The bank shown is in very nice original condition with no repairs. The roof is red and the rest of the bank is basically a brown color. The monkey has white eyes and a red mouth. The name "Rival" is on the front of the bank, Figure 1, and the patent date "May 21, 1878" is on the back, Figure 2.

The operation of the bank is simple but with good action. The monkey is pushed, or if you will, pulled down into position as shown in Figure 1. A coin is placed in the provided slot formed by his arms. Release his tail and up he goes depositing the coin into the bank. The monkey's head hits a bumper inside the chute which serves the double purpose of releasing the coin and absorbing the shock. The normal position of the monkey is shown in Figure 2 with his tail curving over the front chimney. The bank is a particularly fine early casting and the monkey with his head turned as though looking at the oper-

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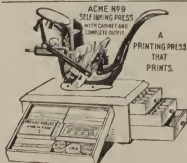
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Formerly, the cleaning of coins was taboo and those that first attempted it did their best to have the coins look as much as possible as if they had not been cleaned.

Today, many collectors accept (and sometimes prefer) well cleaned coins in preference to those in their original state. There are many, however, who still prefer a coin to be in its original state. The manner in which the coins are cleaned will determine their desirability.

### DON'TS

Never clean a badly worn coin, such a coin can only be harmed by doing so.

Never clean any coin with an eraser, silverpolish that will leave a glossy finish, or any kind of polish on copper coins. Any of these will decrease the value of the coin.

### HOW TO CLEAN

**Proofs.** Gold proofs seldom, if ever, need cleaning. Silver proofs frequently become slightly tarnished and are often preferred in this condition by collectors. If you must clean these, use a liquid silver cleaner or dip obtainable at your local supermarkets. Do not leave the coin in the dip longer than five seconds, and rinse well immediately. This will brighten the coin to a beautiful brilliant color with no scratches from rubbing. Dry with a soft cleansing tissue. Proof nickel coins will react favorably to this treatment.

Proof bronze and copper coins do not clean. A nicely toned cent is more desirable than one that is brilliantly cleaned.

### UNCIRCULATED COINS

Gold uncirculated coins rarely need cleaning.

At times it might be advisable to wash them gently with Ivory soap and warm water. Silver coins if lightly tarnished can be brightened nicely by using the silver dip men-

tioned (mentioned under proofs). If heavily tarnished, silver coins can be cleaned by making a paste of bicarbonate of soda and water. Do not use the ordinary inexpensive brand found in grocery stores, but use the better grade found in drug stores. The texture of the cheaper brand is sometimes coarse and may scratch, whereas the better brand is smoother and does not tend to scratch. Be certain the fingers are soft and smooth with no nicks or digs on the skin to protect from scratching the coin when rubbing. It is a good idea to soak the fingers in warm water for a moment. Then rub the coin gently with the paste until all tarnish is gone. Don't forget the edges.

**Copper Coins.** None should be cleaned in such a manner as to make them bright in color. There is a product on the market called "Care," Care will remove dirt and grease from a copper and leave a pleasing gloss to the coin without changing the coin's color. Another product called "Brilliantize" will remove spots provided one follows instructions, but will leave the coin bright which is not desirable for some collectors. Copper coins that have been cleaned and turn out bright, will tone down in a reasonable length of time. Some may not end up with an attractive color, and purples and browns are liable to be the outcome.

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## Question:

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—E.S.C., Florida

## Answer:

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—C.F., Florida

## Question:

I have enclosed a pencil rubbing and a sketch of my coin. Can you please tell me what the coin is made out of, how old it is, and its value? I was told it is Byzantine.

—R.S., California

## Answer:

It would be difficult to identify what your coin is made out of without inspection. I can say, however, that the size and type of design of the coin indicates that it is made out of bronze. You are correct, it is Byzantine and valued at around \$2 to \$3.

—C.F., Florida

## Question:

Regarding the quarter dollar, dated 1792, I sent your letter up north and asked my friend to have a Xerox

copy. He has replied that an attempt to make such a copy was a failure. Now he informs me that in Yeoman's "Guide Book of U. S. Coins," has an illustration in the 1974 issue and this lists a 1792 pattern quarter in white metal as being unique. My friend is going to try to get a rubbing for us. I will send it to you. This coin must be very well worn, but he states the date 1792 and word "Quarter" can be seen.

I notice that you are a contributor for this Guide Book. No doubt you have a copy in your library. It is not a coin but is a mint pattern.

What does the word "Unique" indicate in a coin? This word applied to a great many other objects, may mean "only one of a kind," etc., etc.

Would a piece in this evident condition be of any value?

I would appreciate hearing from you, and if there is any charge, please advise me as I do not wish to make a pest of myself

—E.A.P., Florida

## Answer:

If the coin appears to have the same design as the one illustrated on page 58 of the Red Book, it could be one of the trail or experimental coins issued prior to the U.S. regular coinage. This would come under the category of a Colonial piece. "Unique" means that there is only one of its kind known. If the coin was as listed and genuine, it would be an extremely rare and valuable piece. However, insofar as only one specimen is known (and probably no more were struck at the time). There is a good possibility that it is a fake or copy. Many fakes and copies have been made of rare early Colonial pieces.

I do not want to discourage you, however. A find of one of these, genuine would make numismatic history. The only manner it could be authenticated would be to have experts examine the coin and verify its authenticity. After I receive a pencil rubbing from him, or better still a photo, I will be able to tell you more.

—C.F., Florida

## Question:

I have a few coins in good condition as per drawing, and would be

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—E.E.P., Delaware

## Answer:

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## Question:

I have a 1949 copper Lincoln cent that has brass streaks on both sides. The coin is in very fine condition. Would you have any information on this type of error?

—W.W., Kentucky

## Answer:

Sorry but I have no information on the type of mint error you have. If the streaks are very noticeable, the coin would be a pretty good mint error. This could happen when the metal alloy was made and now shows up on the coin planchet. Value? What you can get for it.

—C.F., Florida

## Question:

I recently bought a copy of your book, "American Guide to U.S. Coins." I looked to find the value of a 1970 double-headed penny. On the penny are pictures of both President Lincoln and President Kennedy. I know these pennies are worth something but your book does not list their value. Would you please furnish me with this information on this penny?

—J.E.C., Illinois

## Answer:

The penny you have with the two heads of Presidents upon them is not a coin but a token. It was not issued by the United States but by some private individual or company, and it is not money. This is why it was not in the American Guide to U.S. Coins.

—C.F., Florida

## Question:

Please tell me how much the following coins are worth. Rubbings are enclosed.

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—J.C., Kentucky

## Answer:

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—C.F., Florida

## Question:

Here is a pencil rubbing of what I believe to be a 1965-D cent. Notice it has nothing on the obverse of the coin.

I hope someone could tell me what it's worth, if anything.

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# Feed the Goose Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH



Feed The Goose, our choice as No. 235 in the numerical classification, is a rather late bank which is, however, very difficult to find in nice original condition and shape or configuration. This is particularly true with respect to the large egg under the goose. The bank is made of a pot metal of apparent poor quality subject to distortion, cracking and chipping. A line of comparison could be drawn with the type drive wheels used on many standard or wide gauge electric train engines of the period. The wheels just seem to disintegrate and fall apart being castings of appar-

ently similar type poor quality pot metal. It certainly seems a shame that the Feed the Goose was not made with some type quality metal casting as it is a quite clever bank in its design and action. The somewhat angular appearance of the figure of the goose is rather offbeat, but this at the time of its manufacture was most probably an attempt to give the bank a "modern" look. In any case, the bank as its subject matter represents the famous old story of the goose that laid the golden egg.

The Feed The Goose was until quite

recently classed in with the modern group of mechanicals and thus made after 1935. Patent papers reveal that this is not the case, however, and as a matter of fact it was patented August 7, 1928, by Douglas Hall of Chicago, Illinois. The bank as produced is practically identical to the patent drawings, which are, by the way, exceptionally well detailed. As a matter of interest, the text of the patent refers to the figure as that of 'a grotesque goose'.

A printed sheet of suggestions and directions was originally furnished with each bank. This details with a

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drawing the method of removing the goose from the egg. In one place it refers to the bank as the "Golden Egg" Bank, and in another "Feed The Goose". Under 'Suggestions' various points are explained such as the fact pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters can be used to operate the bank. Larger denominations and paper money can be deposited in the special coin trap in the bottom of the egg. Also, one coin at a time must be used to operate the bank properly, with the coin dropping into the egg before another is inserted. The sheet is printed on both sides and folded. The back of the sheet is of particular interest and we quote as follows:

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In closing, it bears mention that the writer has seen this bank with the bird finished in purple, silver, red, and the bronze color mentioned. Wings and the glass eyes also are in various colors, including red, blue, and pink. The writer's example of this bank, not the one pictured, does not have the name Feed The Goose on the front brass plate, the egg fortunately, has no distortion, and, of course, the original paper sheet as described in the foregoing.

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## Question:

I recently purchased what I think to be an 1804 silver dollar. Attached is a pencil rubbing of this coin.

How can I ascertain if it is genuine or counterfeit? It appears to be of type 2, the type coined in 1859.

Also I have an 1873 Trade dollar with S mint mark and what appears to be a wreath below the right knee. Were there two types of 1873 S Trade dollars minted?

R.W.P., (APO) San Francisco

## Answer:

I am sorry to say it is my opinion that your 1804 dollar is an altered date. I have examined your pencil rubbings and find the following:

The 4 on your dollar is, apparently, a crosslet 4, not plain 4. All genuine 1804 dollars have plain 4s.

In addition, in checking the reverse of your coin I find that you have the 1800 variety dollar known as "Americai." Close examination will disclose that a die break on the reverse makes the America look like Americai. This is a known variety of the 1800 dollar, the only one that this occurred in. Your coin is therefore an altered date from an 1800 Americai dollar.

Your trade dollar—the S only appears on the reverse under the letter "Grains." What you seem to have on the obverse is a Chinese Chop mark which is quite common. The Chinese used to mark them this way to authenticate genuineness. Some of these trade dollars have lots of such marks upon them. —C.F., Florida

## Question:

Please identify and appraise these coins. —Mrs. C.S., Arkansas

## Answer:

I can appreciate the trouble you had trying to take pencil rubbings of these coins. These crude Cob pieces are difficult to do.

As to your doubloon, the rubbing is well-nigh useless, but your sketch tends to indicate to me that it is not genuine. Also its size is more of a silver piece rather than a doubloon. You had better have this tested at your jeweler to ascertain if it is gold or not.

Neither of these should be called Pirate coins, but Spanish pieces. The other is a medieval coin, silver, but

I doubt if it is Spanish. The letters you listed do not appear on Spanish coins. J.C.F., Florida

## Question:

Please identify and evaluate these.

—J.P., Massachusetts

## Answer:

The token you have marked Spiel Marke is, in English, Play Money, and is valued at 50c due to its age. The other three are merchant's tokens and retail for around \$1 each. —C.F., Florida

## Question:

Will you please tell me what these coins are worth?

This Sacramento, Calif., 20 dollars is heavy and white gold shows quite a bit of wear, has a gold cast and the side that says "Blake & Co." The center is silver color and the outer edge in gold color.

This Alfonso XII, 1876 jolo is gold colored, approximately 20 pennyweight or more.

This is a "dug" coin or token, Seattle, U.S.A., dated June 1 to October 16, 1909. Is this a commemorative?

I have a token, brass, that says "Red Men Singing Society." Was this a national organization and could you date it? —G.K., Nevada

## Answer:

There are a great many of these "Blake & Co." pieces turning up lately and all, in my opinion, are fakes. The originals were of pure gold. The Alfonso medal is most likely of brass.

All of the other tokens are of very special issue and of little value to collectors—I would say from 25c to 50c each. —C.F., Florida

## Question:

Please tell me something about the enclosed rubbings. I thank you.

—P.N., Connecticut

## Answer:

All I can tell you is that your item is a medal, not a coin. It apparently commemorates a Francisco Augustus and seems to be of some religious significance. Value would not be great. —C.F., Florida

## Question:

I have been reading your column in HOBBIES for a long time. I would appreciate any information you can give me on an 1884, Carson City silver dollar. The dollar is sealed in plastic as as I have just received it from the U.S. Government. It looks worthless to me as there is only a small amount of it that looks like silver, probably only one-sixth. The silver looking part is near the face, starts at the top of the hair line, includes a part of the nose and fades to an unusual red. I believe it might look like an antique pink. Most of the hair is blue, or at least the red runs into a blue-black ink look.

My first thought was why wasn't it cleaned. It is an uncirculated coin.

The colors blend beautifully and aren't too dark. The strange thing on the back of the coin, only about one-third of the coin is discolored and it's on the left instead of the right.

I am a new collector, in fact I col-

lect on a very small scale and have only been doing it since 1971.

—T.S.B., Ohio

## Answer:

There is no doubt but that the silver dollar you received from the Government is genuine, and beautifully tarnished. I would not recommend removing the tarnish although this could be done, for I think it is worth more in its natural state. As to values, I cannot say what the coin will be worth, but today it should be worth what you paid for it insofar as they are being sold by the Government at that price. —C.F., Florida

## Question:

I am enclosing some rough sketches of some old Spanish coins on a necklace I have. There are several that have "Carolus IIII" on them which is rather odd. I read that they added the last Roman numeral when they found out Charles III had died, so have a picture of wrong king. The book did not tell value, however. These are quite worn, and all have a hole drilled in them. One coin is gold with glob or raised mint mark. Two silver ones have private marks. Also, they are all silver except the one. I wore this in Mexico last year and one jeweler tried to buy it but I didn't wait for him to give a price. Another one said, "mucho dinero, mucho dinero!" So I am curious to know the value.

Also, I have a tiny gold coin that says "Alaska Gold, 1909 A.Y.P.E." on front showing a miner. Back says ¼ D.W.T. with shield in middle and wreath on sides. It has a loop soldered on it.

I would be very grateful for any information on these coins.

—M.E.M., Washington

## Answer:

It would be best to leave your coins on the necklace for I believe there is more value to them as a necklace than as coins for collectors. You see, collectors want their coins in as excellent condition as can be found and that fact that yours have holes, or solder upon them, places them in the lowest grade of condition. This also is the case with your Alaska ¼ pennyweight coin which is quite scarce. —C.F., Florida

## Question:

I enclose a drawing of a Spanish coin that I have. I would like to know if you could tell me what the coin is, and the approximate price I'd get for it if I sold it. The date is readable and it is in good condition except a small hole in it. My guess is that it was used as a watch fob. I believe it is made of bronze and is a 10 E's. The E is Escudo, 10 E's equals 10 U.S. \$. —B. P., Iowa

## Answer:

I am quite certain that the coin you have is not genuine. Ten escudos coins were only struck in gold. (yours is bronze) also Isabella's bust always faced to the right (yours is to the left) The hole, in any event would make it practically worthless.

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# Chandlers Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH



Checking into the background of mechanical banks can be a very interesting, but sometimes frustrating situation. On the interesting side let's take for example a mechanical bank with absolutely nothing on it, that is to say no patent date or information of any kind is on the bank. In certain cases with considerable research through patents, old catalogs, and the like we have been able to assemble complete background information as to the designer, manufacturer, period in which the bank was made, and so on. This, of course, is great and quite rewarding. On the other hand, the ideal situation is to have a patent date to work with since some of the unmarked mechanicals remain without complete factual background. Now to the frustrating situation, this involves a mechanical bank that may have the name of a company and the city right on the bank itself and we can find absolutely nothing about it. A typical example of this is the 20th Century Savings Bank. Here is a bank with the company name and the city, Pittsburgh, Pa., cast right on the bank and the writer has been unable to date to find definitive in-

formation of any kind. A lot of time has been spent in research with respect to this bank with no results to show for it, and this Pittsburgh bank has really bugged the writer.

Well we are up against the same situation as we reach our choice as No. 236 in the numerical classification. This is the Chandlers Bank, and up to now in spite of a company name and the city, the writer has been unable to run into anything but a stone wall. And this is after a considerable amount of time and effort on the part of the writer and several other individuals.

The large impressive well made locking coin trap is, strangely enough, one of the main features of this bank. It is located in the underside of the base and utilizes a well made lock. On the coin trap itself in large raised letters appears the name of the bank, "Chandlers Bank." Underneath this appears "Pat AP" then "Nat'l Brass Wks Cleveland." At this point the writer would like to make mention of the fact that he has in no way given up on researching this bank and sooner or later he expects to get it nailed down.

In any case, the Chandlers Bank is circa 1900 or so. This could be somewhat into the 1910 period. It has a type of electrolytic bronze finish that was used in this period. Also, it is a combination of cast iron and heavy sheet metal stamping used in this time period. And it was made by the National Brass Works as indicated on the bank itself.

It is a very well made solid bank of the disappearing coin in the drawer type. The front and sides of the drawer, by the way, are made of brass or bronze. To operate, pull the drawer open and place a coin therein. Close drawer and re-open and the coin has disappeared. This Bank's operation is the same as several of the wooden bureau type that have previously appeared in article form. As can be noted in the photo, there is a handle on top and the front is quite decorative in a highly raised casting. The name "Savings Bank" appears under the drawer. A fluted column is on each side of the front.

As mentioned, the finish of the bank gives the appearance of being brass or bronze and highlighted streaks run through this finish. Also,

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In 1843, the discovery of the celebrated 1804 silver dollar is one of the earliest indications in our country of interest in numismatics. While there is a great deal of discussion regarding this coin's authenticity, it is generally agreed that the earliest were struck with the revision of Mint operations during the 1836-40 period. From 1858 on, the mint struck proofs for collectors, and although not many of these were issued, this shows that there was considerable numismatic interest at this time.

The middle of the 19th century saw great interest in revising our coinages. It was the policy of the mint to strike "Trial" or experimental coins, and there appeared such unusual denominations as two-cent, three-cent, and twenty-cent pieces, none of which met with much popularity in circulation. They therefore were ultimately discontinued. Trial pieces became very popular with collectors in the 1860's and 1870's and it is possible that a good many of these were struck purely for the delight of the collector. Usually only a dozen or so patterns were needed, but quantities of some, up to 500, were struck.

"Students" came into being who ardently studied their particular field and many books of value were published towards the end of the century. The majority of these books were about cents and half cents. Other topics covered were colonial coins, half dimes, quarters, halves and dollars. The popularity of large cents explains why there were so many publications about these interesting coins.

There is no record of the number of collectors in those days but I would estimate that they must have numbered between three and five thousand. There were no "coin boards" or "plastic holders." Collectors had to improvise. The wealthier had wooden cabinets built, fitted with velvet-lined trays; others lined cigar boxes with velvet and placed their coins in these. Many a pleasant hour was spent going over coin collections, pointing out prized pieces to friends. Trading and exchanging coins with fellow collectors became the thing to do.

Probably the first "coin holders" to become popular were the small, round cardboard "pill" boxes manufactured by T. James Clarke of Jamestown, N.Y. Mr. Clarke, being a well known collector of large cents sold these boxes as containers for them, for they were just the right size. Collectors would put cotton in the bottom of the box, place the coin upon it and write its description on the cover.



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